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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. TOPIC Airfield of KOETHEN

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REMARKS

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1. The following aircraft were parked at the KOETHEN (M 52/D 95) airfield:

29 July 1949

5 A-20s
7 Yak-9s
1 LA
3 PO-2s

30 July 1949

7 A-20s
11 Yak-9s
2 LAs
1 PO-2.

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Further LA aircraft were seen in a hangar with half open doors.

2. Take-offs and landings, as well as firing at sleeve targets, were practiced on both days of observation.
3. The silhouette of a Yak-9 plane was painted in black on the door of a hangar, and that of an LA fighter in yellow on the door of another hangar.
4. There was no concrete runway. Only the aprons in front of the hangars and the taxiway leading to the landing field are concrete.
5. Seven garages for tank trucks were being built about a thousand feet east of the landing field border. Two 50 x 10 foot earth bunkers covered by a 5-foot layer of soil, have been constructed about a hundred feet in front of the garages. About 80 x 53-gallon barrels were stored near the bunkers.

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6. The airfield was occupied by about four hundred air force personnel. Army units were also stationed at the field.

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8. The airfield layout is shown in the attached sketch.

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Report confirms the previously reported A-20s and two different fighter types stationed at the KOESTERN airfield. Thus, the field is assumed still to be occupied by both an air reconnaissance regiment, equipped with A-20s and LA aircraft, and a fighter regiment, equipped with Yaks.

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